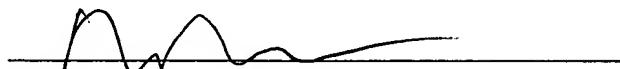


REMARKS

Claims 17-36 will be pending upon entry of the present amendment. Claims 1-16 are being canceled. Claims 30-36 are new.

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated January 13, 2004, the applicants have elected Group II, claims 17-29, for examination at this time. The applicants also hereby elect new claims 30-36, as those claims properly fall within Group II. Consideration of the elected claims is now requested.

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